

THE COAST.

Indians Capture Escaping Express Robbers.

KILLED HIS HALF BROTHER.

Suicide of a Merced Ranchman—Loss of the Lulu Grace—Barns Burned in Brentwood.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press]

PORTLAND, Oreg., December 25.—A dispatch from Blackfoot, Idaho, gives the details of the escape from the jail of Lovett and Johnson, awaiting trial for the express robbery, and their capture by the Indians. The men were aided in their escape by an accomplice named Young, who had horses ready for them. A short distance away in the mountains they met a young Indian chief of a hunting party, and robbed him of his rifle. His warriors, a dozen in number, came up soon after and gave chase to the robbers. A running fight ensued and Lovett and Johnson were wounded and captured, the latter being shot twice and probably fatally wounded. Young was better mounted and doubling upon his pursuers reached the Indian wickiup, where the party's ammunition was stored. At the latest accounts the Indians are trying to drive him from his stronghold by the well known tactics of circling and firing under the necks of their horses. The Sheriff has started for the scene and Young will probably surrender to him. He is reported badly wounded.

THE MONEY RAISED.

The New Santa Ana Road Now Assured.

SANTA ANA, December 25.—The citizens of Santa Ana and Tustin have raised \$50,000, the necessary amount to build the new motor railroad from Santa Ana, Tustin, Orange and McPherson. The enterprise will be pushed at once and the road is expected to be completed in sixty days. The railroad committee appointed last week to procure the right of way and deposit grounds for the Anaheim, Toluca and Santa Fe road have secured the right of way and have located the depot grounds at the foot of Fourth street. It is proposed to make this place the junction and to locate their machine shops here. Up to date \$25,000 of oranges, lemons, grapes and raisins have been shipped to the eastern markets. The oranges are just beginning to come in and the outlook is favorable for a large crop.

Suicide of a Merced Ranchman.

MENCK, December 25.—George Jeffers, a farmer on the ranch of Westbay & McCain, about eight miles north of this place, committed suicide by hanging in the ranch barn this forenoon. He was a native of Nova Scotia, aged 41 years. He has been in California ten or twelve years, but has been in ill health some time. This morning he went into a room adjoining the one in which his partner was lying sick to write an order for supplies to be taken out by a neighbor, who had arranged to come here this afternoon for them, but instead of writing the order he took a mortgage he held and wrote on the back of it: "There has been \$425 paid on this mortgage." On a slip of paper he wrote: "I have sold my interest in this ranch to Mr. Gray, my partner." He then went to the barn and selected a pair of new leather lines from the harness and hanged himself. Coroner Bradley has gone out to hold an inquest, taking a jury with him.

Big Fire at Lathrop.

LATHROP, Cal., December 25.—A fire broke out in the Central house last night. The building is a total loss. The second story was used as a lodging house, the first floor by Scarlett & Morris, with a grocery, and a saloon owned by W. W. Whyers and J. A. Shepherd. The loss is \$4000; insurance, \$2000. W. W. Whyers' loss is not known; Scarlett & Morris lost everything—about \$1000; they were insured for \$700. The origin of the fire is not known, but is supposed to have caught in the second story. By the exertions of the bucket brigade the new buildings just lately finished on the lately-burnt front were saved.

Uncle Sam Trying to Recover His Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—In the Circuit Court the case of the United States vs. Henry Hancock has been submitted on the briefs. The action is brought to recover possession of 26,000 acres of land in San Bernardino county, alleged to be illegally claimed by the defendant by virtue of a fraudulent survey made by himself, while filling the office of Deputy United States Surveyor.

Barns Burned in Brentwood.

BRENTWOOD, Cal., December 25.—The barn of Louis Grunauer, in the rear of the Grand Central Hotel, was destroyed by fire last night. The hotel stables, barn and storehouse of J. Amberg, and two small dwelling houses were also burned. The total loss was \$8000, with small insurance. The fire is believed to be incendiary.

The Lulu Grace Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—A dispatch was received at the Merchants' Exchange to-day from Gray's Harbor, stating that the bark Lulu Grace, lumber laden from Puget Sound to Valparaiso, was a total loss off that port. The crew was saved. The vessel was of 579 tons burden.

Killed by a Street Car.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—John Kearns, a laborer, was run over by a car of the Folsom street line last night and died in the city county hospital to-day at 10 p. m. The deceased was 35 years of age.

Michael Davitt's Marriage Dec. 30th.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Invitations have been issued to the marriage reception of Michael Davitt and Miss Mary Yore, of Oakland, which will take place December 30th.

The Louisville Nine Win.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—A baseball game between the Louisville and the Greenhoad ad Morans at Central Park this afternoon was won by the Louisville. The score stood 5 to 4.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Interesting Proceedings and a Fine Floral Display.

At St. Paul's Church yesterday the rector, Rev. Elias Birdsall, delivered a short and appropriate Christmas sermon. The following musical programme was carried out in an excellent manner, both morning and evening: Hallelujah chorus from Handel. Processional hymn, "Honor, Christian Soldier," Sullivan. "Auld, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn. Christmas Day canticles, Gregorian. Proper psalms, Gregorian. To Beum, Jackson, in F. Anthem, "Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth." Chorus, "Glory to God." Kyrie eleison, Jackson, in F. Gloria Tibi, Jackson, in F. Hymn, "Come, All Ye Faithful." Second anthem, "Nazareth," by Gounod. At communion service hymn, "My God, and is Thy Table Spread." Gloria in Excelsis, alto chant.

There was a very fine floral display prepared with great taste by the ladies of the society. At the Central Baptist Hall Rev. W. H. Pendleton conducted a Christmas service at 11 a. m. The hall was handsomely decorated with flowers and the pastor delivered a very excellent discourse appropriate to the occasion. The music and hymns were of a specially excellent and joyful character and most admirably rendered. At the Trinity M. E. Church South, Rev. W. B. Stradley conducted a very interesting service. The pastor delivered a very eloquent and delightful address before a large audience, while the decorations and music were remarkably excellent. The congregation were greatly gratified with all the exercises.

At the Cathedral of Santa Vibia the first mass was said at 5 a. m. At ten o'clock the church was packed with people to the very doors to hear the High Mass. Bishop Corrigan officiated. The orchestra consisted of the Heine Quartet, Prof. Leuberg, flutes; Messrs. Scott and Merritt, cornets, and Prof. A. J. Stamm, organist. The music of this mass had been arranged for the orchestra by Prof. Heine. The choir consisted of Mrs. F. B. Fanning and Mrs. Stansbury, sopranos; Mrs. Dr. Clarke and Mrs. Leuberg, altos; R. Fanning and Mr. Sullivan, tenors; N. Lamy, Messrs. Hawthorne and Wallace, basses.

General's Mass in G was rendered in a masterly manner. Following were the numbers: Kyrie—Quartette and full choir. Gloria—Solo, duet, trio and full choir. Credo—Solo, duet, trio and full choir. Offertory—"Adeste Fideles," full choir. Sanctus—Solo and full choir. Agnus Dei—Solo and full choir.

At the Church of Our Lady of Angels there was mass at five o'clock in the morning and High Mass at half past ten. The choir was composed of the Sisters of the Sisters' School. There was a very large attendance of the faithful of the parish.

A Marine Gunner's Suicidal Attempt.

VALLEJO, December 25.—Gunner Joseph Swift, United States Navy, attempted suicide in the ordnance building on Mare Island Thursday morning at 10 o'clock by cutting his throat with an old razor. He was discovered by a fellow gunner in time to summon the medical assistance, and it is thought his life will be saved. The job was a botch, the jugular vein not being injured, but the windpipe severed. He is now at the naval hospital, under charge of Doctors Woods and Street. He has been in the navy twenty-eight years, entering from the State of New York. It is thought liquor was the cause.

The Bay District Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—At the Bay District track this afternoon a free for all trot, for a purse of \$1000, miles heats, three in five, in which were entered Guy Wilkes, Charlie Hilton and J. Q. was won by Guy Wilkes, who finished second, third and fourth heats. J. Q. took first heat, but was distanced in the third, thus giving the second money to Hilton. Time, 2:19, 2:19, 2:19, 2:19. The match for a thousand dollars between Endymion and Daisy S. won by Endymion, who took first, second and fourth heats, and Daisy S. third heat. Time, 2:29, 2:29, 2:29, 2:29.

Accidental Shooting at Columbia.

COLUMBIA (Tuolumne county), December 25.—At a shooting match yesterday a young man named Francis Murray, aged 19 years, was accidentally and probably fatally shot by another young man of the same name, named Eugene McPherson. While McPherson was loading his rifle it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering the lower part of Murray's body, just above and back of the hip, and passing clear through, came out on the other side, above the other hip. It is not supposed he will recover.

Another Brawl with the Car Strikers.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—The parade announced to take place by the striking carmen was not held to-day. This afternoon George W. Best, one of the new employees of the Sutter Street Company, was approached by two or three of the strikers on Sutter street, near Larkin, and, he alleges, one of them struck him while the others closed in on him. He drew his pistol and was placed under arrest, charged with exhibiting a deadly weapon.

Mr. L. J. Rose Buys a Trotter.

CHICAGO, December 25.—The Times Lexington, Ky., special says: Among the important sales of trotters made yesterday by Percy Talbott, was Astor, black filly, three years old, by Alcyon, dam Jessie Rose, by Mambo and Chief, sold to L. J. Rose, of San Gabriel, Cal., for \$2500.

Killed His Half-Brother.

MODESTO, Cal., December 25.—At Oakland this morning James McCutchen, aged 17, shot and killed his half brother, Steve Leonard, aged 24, during a drunken row. At the coroner's inquest the jury rendered a verdict that McCutchen was guilty of manslaughter.

Rains in the North.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—The Signal Service reports that during the past twenty-four hours rains have occurred in Washington Territory and Oregon, the following being the amounts reported: Tatoosh Island, .31; Astoria, .40; Olympia, .73; Roseburg, .10.

EASTERN.

The St. Louis Express Robbers Captured.

SENATOR LOGAN DANGEROUS.

Two Silver Bars Stolen in St. Louis—A Denver Fire—A Railway Accident.

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CHICAGO, December 25.—Two local papers published this morning the accounts of the arrest here yesterday of Jim Cummings, who has long been generally believed to be one of the leading perpetrators of the St. Louis and San Francisco express robbery on last October, and two of his accomplices. According to the accounts referred to the men were arrested in a house of questionable repute and upwards of \$20,000 in money captured with them. The men are said to have been shadowed for some time on account of their lavish display of money and swaggering gait and appearance, which warranted the assumption that they were railway robbers. The *Inter Ocean* says that these robbers were arrested in a house of questionable repute and upwards of \$20,000 in money captured with them. The men are said to have been shadowed for some time on account of their lavish display of money and swaggering gait and appearance, which warranted the assumption that they were railway robbers. The *Inter Ocean* says that these robbers were arrested in a house of questionable repute and upwards of \$20,000 in money captured with them. The men are said to have been shadowed for some time on account of their lavish display of money and swaggering gait and appearance, which warranted the assumption that they were railway robbers.

Up to late hour the information from the detectives was of a decidedly meagre nature, but conveyed the impression that the officers believed themselves to have captured the train robbers. The trio are still in close custody here, and the papers publishing the first reports maintain stoutly that the statements given are substantially correct. Their authority is stated by them to be equivalent to direct information from the officers making the arrest. It is now reported from sources responsible for the first accounts that the amount of money captured on the robbery is \$20,000, not \$25,000 as first reported. The latest assertions concerning the case are to the effect that the men themselves were not shadowed, their whereabouts being unknown, but a notorious woman, who was intimate with the suspect Cummings, was traced here from St. Louis, has for about ten days been kept under constant espionage in this city. This plan was rewarded by the appearance of Cummings and his comrades. The man Cummings is said to be not the noted desperado bearing that name, but another whose career has attracted less attention. All three are kept under close watch by the police. The night and during Christmas morning and afternoon to force one or another of the three men to reveal their secrets. To-night it is confidently asserted in some quarters that from one of the robbers has at last been extorted a partial confession.

KANSAS CITY, December 25.—Oscar Cook, a cooper, was arrested in a gambling-house in the northern part of the city this afternoon, on suspicion of complicity in the Cummings express robbery near St. Louis two months ago. A Pinkerton detective, who is kept under constant espionage in this city. This plan was rewarded by the appearance of Cummings and his comrades. The man Cummings is said to be not the noted desperado bearing that name, but another whose career has attracted less attention. All three are kept under close watch by the police. The night and during Christmas morning and afternoon to force one or another of the three men to reveal their secrets. To-night it is confidently asserted in some quarters that from one of the robbers has at last been extorted a partial confession.

SENATOR STANFORD'S GIFTS TO THE POOR.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The *World's* Washington special says: It is estimated that Mrs. and Senator Stanford purchased presents to the extent of \$10,000. The poor of Washington were particularly remembered, while the same unfortunate class in San Francisco has been remembered some days ago in the same generous spirit. Mrs. Stanford did not forget the needy in Albany and other cities, where she has a personal knowledge of the poor and their condition.

THE BICYCLE RACE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 25.—The great bicycle race closed at 10:15 to-night, and the previous records for the long distance was broken. Schock left the track at 10:05 p. m., having ridden 1405 miles in 142 hours. The best previous record was 1404 miles and three laps in 144 hours. Morgan quit after completing 1170 miles. Mile Armstrong, who was with Schock, was a record of 10:50 miles, beating the previous record in the same rank of 1042 miles.

AN INAUGURAL BALL ARRANGED.

SACRAMENTO, December 25.—The Executive Committee has decided to give a grand inaugural ball, as usual, with tickets at \$10 each. As the San Francisco Committee complete is as follows: J. R. Finlayson, T. J. Cline, C. F. Crocker, Swartz, Max Popper, W. H. Chamberlain. The free list will include only the State officials, members of the Legislature, the Supreme Bench and ex-Governors.

Death of a Temperance Apostle.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., December 25.—John Moffatt, one of the best known temperance workers in the country, died here to-day. Mr. Moffatt was corresponding secretary of the Christian Temperance Union and general agent of the Temperance Benevolent Association. He was a missionary to the Chinese, and was a cousin by marriage of Livingston, the African explorer.

A DENVER FIRE.

DENVER, Col., December 25.—At an early hour this morning a fire broke out in the jewelry house of M. T. Mitchell, and before the flames could be put under control by the fire department the entire stock was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000; insured for about \$5,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

A DISREPUTABLE COMMITTEE SUICIDE.

PORTLAND, Ore., December 25.—At Port Townsend, W. T., last night Harry Burns, a hanger-on of a house of ill fame, sooner than allow a crowd of citizens to arrest him for attempted rape, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol.

AN ILLINOIS ASSIGNMENT.

ROCKFORD, Ill., December 25.—The N. C. Thompson Manufacturing Co. assigned to-day to ex-Mayor Crawford. The liabilities are placed at \$250,000; the assets, including plant, etc., \$300,000. Among the creditors are G. L. and E. S. Dixon, of Ukiah, California.

Weather Indications.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—The indications for the twenty-four hours commencing at 4 a. m., December 26th: For California—fair weather, except in the extreme Northwestern portion, local rains.

NEWARK WOOLLEN MILLS BURNED.

NEWARK, Del., December 25.—The large mills of the Dean Woollen Company here were entirely consumed by fire this morning, causing a loss of about \$200,000 and throwing 240 hands out of work.

SENATOR LOGAN.

His Illness Reported to Be Dangerous.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—The condition of General Logan, who has been suffering several days from acute rheumatism, has grown rapidly worse, so much so as to alarm his family. The friends in attendance speak in despondent terms of the prospect of his recovery. Dr. J. H. Baxter, the attending physician, said to an Associated Press reporter to-night that the General's condition was indeed alarming. "The illness," said the Doctor, "dates back nearly two weeks, when I was called and found him suffering considerably from acute rheumatism, which was confined chiefly to his right wrist. In the course of three or four days yielded to treatment and he became very much better. Within a day or two, however, he took additional cold which resulted in a relapse, the rheumatic affection extending to his hips and other extremities as well as to both arms. The attack has been attended at times by high fever and nervous prostration, in which the brain is considerably involved, so that he is delirious more or less active. While he is not now suffering any pain incident to the rheumatism, yet there has been for the past two or three days a gradual decrease in strength and a tendency to brain complication of a very serious nature. 'The wet is,' said the doctor, 'that was too much reduced in strength by overwork and his system was not in proper condition to resist the disease. He lies most of the time in a semi-conscious condition, from which he is with difficulty aroused. At times he knows his friends, but soon sinks into a lethargic sleep. The fever is somewhat increased to-night,' continued the doctor, 'and the brain symptoms are more prominent and his condition, I must say, is very critical.' In response to a question the doctor said: 'The danger lies not so much in the possibility of the complications arising from the rheumatism and brain affection. The doctor says the Senator had an attack four years ago, somewhat similar to the present, but it was not attended by many of the alarming symptoms so prominent now. Baxter has called Hamilton, Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital, services, and Dr. Lincoln, an consulting physician. Consultations are held three or four times daily. One physician will remain at the Senator's bedside to-night, to be relieved by another, who will remain during the entire day to-morrow.

The reporter who called at Calumet Place at midnight, was told that the Senator was thought to be slightly better, seeming to have improved a little in strength and to be less inclined to stupor than earlier in the evening. Dr. Hamilton and Representative George G. Symmes, of Colorado, will remain at the Senator's bedside to-night, to be relieved by another, who will remain during the entire day to-morrow. The reporter who called at Calumet Place at midnight, was told that the Senator was thought to be slightly better, seeming to have improved a little in strength and to be less inclined to stupor than earlier in the evening. Dr. Hamilton and Representative George G. Symmes, of Colorado, will remain at the Senator's bedside to-night, to be relieved by another, who will remain during the entire day to-morrow.

MURDER TRIAL.

Owen Leggett Probably Insane When He Murdered John Clark.

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A FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH.

CLEVELAND, December 25.—The farmhouse of Caleb Russell, near Saybrook, Ohio, caught fire at an early hour yesterday morning. When the neighbors arrived, Russell, who was eighty years old, and his wife aged fifty, had escaped from the house, but they were so much overcome by the heat and smoke that they died shortly afterwards. A demented son, who slept upstairs, was burned to death.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Important Mining Decision.

A REPORTER'S SENSE OF HONOR.

A Lady Suicides—Stealing From Orphans—A Family Burned to Death.

DENVER, December 25.—The most important mining case ever tried in Colorado was concluded in the United States Circuit Court here yesterday. A million of dollars depended on the result of the trial and the ruling had involved the title to nearly 500 mining claims in the vicinity of Aspen, Pitkin county.

The question at issue was whether the Aspen mines were true fissure veins or mere deposits of ore. If the fissure theory were correct, then the owners who claimed on the apex, or where the outcroppings were visible on the surface, had a right under the United States statute to follow the veins into other claims. But if the deposit theory were maintained then a vast number of mines on Aspen mountain could be operated by their owners as far as the boundaries of their claim.

The present issue was brought by D. M. Hyman of Cincinnati, against J. B. Wheeler of New York City and other capitalists. Hyman owns the Durant mine, an apex claim, and Wheeler and his friends own the Emma mine, which lies immediately beneath the Durant, on the side of Aspen Hill. The Durant was the early location, but the rich ore was first struck in the Emma. Some \$1,800,000 worth of ore had been taken out of the Emma when the Durant people brought suit to gain possession of the Emma, on the apex theory. The Court enjoined the Emma people from conducting further operations.

The case has been on trial for three weeks, the best-known mining experts in the West being about equally divided on each side. To-night the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the Durant mine. The Aspen mine, the richest in the state, lies immediately beneath the Emma, and a suit is now pending to obtain possession brought by the Durant people. Two million dollars have been taken from the Aspen mine, and as much more was in sight when the work on it was enjoined.

Other apex mine owners have been awaiting the result of this trial, and will now bring suit to recover the possession of other mining claims. This is the first case involving the apex theory tried in Colorado since the *Leadville* litigation was begun. The early history of that case, and which was settled about three months ago in the Supreme Court of the United States against the apex theory.

In the *Leadville* cases the hanging wall was claimed to be porphyry and the foot wall limestone. In the Aspen case it is claimed that the hanging wall is of calcite and the foot wall dolomite limestone.

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A LADY SUICIDES.

Throws Herself Into Lake Michigan at Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 25.—Mrs. Jessie Johnston, daughter of Henry C. Murich, formerly a wealthy Board of Trade speculator, and wife of a young lawyer at Knoxville, Iowa, threw herself into the lake at Thirty-ninth street to-day. Her rich apparel and beautiful face attracted the attention of a group of boys who saw her hastening toward the breakwater. Soon afterwards they saw her jump into the ice and drift that was dashing against the pier. A rope was thrown to her by the boys, but she refused to grasp it. She was rescued by a policeman before life was extinct, but efforts to resuscitate the suicide were of no avail.

She had visited the office of Dr. Chamberlain half an hour previous to her death, but he was so busy and she so agitated that he told her to come to the office to-morrow and explain her case. It is stated by Mrs. Johnston's friends that her intellect, previously brilliant, had been more or less unbalanced since her admission to the Iowa bar about four years ago. Over-study is the cause assigned.

Mrs. Johnston came to Chicago only a short time since to place herself under the care of a doctor. Her husband was to have been sent here to-morrow to spend the holidays in her company.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The holiday retail trade has grown to such enormous proportions that it cannot longer be handled even by the establishments that have the largest facilities within compass of a single week. The up-town business for a few days and nights have been literally in the hands of a mob, though a very well-behaved mob, but with much crushing and squeezing and other discomforts. Said a partner in one of the Sixth avenue shops: "Next year we are going to try a new plan for the benefit of ourselves and the community. Instead of keeping open evenings during Christmas week only, as at present, we shall light up on the first of December and keep open till 11 o'clock. Then we shall send circulars to our regular patrons and give a notice through the newspapers that we change to procure any article our patrons may desire within thirty days and have it delivered at their homes, so that there will be no occasion for them to come to the store in person, and catalogues will be prepared from which they can make choice."

CHINESE BRUTES.

SACRAMENTO, December 25.—During the examination of Chin Ah Fee, Chin Ah Ung and Dy Choy, charged with kidnapping Mrs. Ah Gong, in Judge Henley's Court yesterday, Mrs. Gong testified that the day before she was found by the officers, her captor, Chin Ah Fee, tied her to a bunk and brutally assaulted her. The reason why she had not mentioned this fact before was because she thought her husband would follow the Chinese custom and discard her. The Judge will render his decision next Monday.

TWO PIECES OF SKULL IN HIS BRAIN.

BYRON (Contra Costa county), December 23.—Elmer, the eight-year-old son of J. S. Netherton, who was kicked in the head by a horse last Monday, was sent to San Francisco for treatment. It was found that two large pieces of the skull had been driven into the brain, besides a number of small pieces. Since his treatment he has been brought back and taken to Brentwood. He has been conscious all of the time and is doing remarkably well, considering the nature of the injuries.

FATAL LAMP EXPLOSION.

NEW ORLEANS, December 25.—Yesterday Second Engineer Thomas Hunter and six Chinese firemen of the British steamer *Suez* went to the coal bunkers for the purpose of trimming coal. The engineer carried a lamp, and the Chinese entered the bunkers an explosion occurred, which was caused by an accumulation of gas coming in contact with the flame of the lamp. Hunter and three of the Chinamen were fatally burned, it is believed.

THE TENNESSEE RETIRED.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—The Naval Board of Inspection which surveyed the United States steamer *Tennessee* reported to the Navy Department that the vessel cannot be repaired with in the statutory limit of 20 per cent, and will have to be condemned. The *Tennessee* will probably be used as a receiving ship in place of the *Minnesota*.

A BOY KILLED BY A HORSE.

COTTONWOOD (Shasta county), December 23.—A young man from Sierra county, about eighteen miles northeast from here, reports that Freddie Howard, a boy nine years old, was killed by a horse a few days ago, and died on the day after from the injuries.

HIGHLAND WINS THE WALKING MATCH.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., December 25.—The three hundred mile square heel and toe walking match between Highland, of Auburn, and Dan O'Leary, was finished to-night, Highland winning by nine miles.

STEALING FROM ORPHANS.

VALLEJO, December 24.—A lot of turkeys that had been raised at the Good Templars' Orphan Home here for the little folks' Christmas dinner were stolen the other night.

RESIGNATION OF HON. J. M. BROOKS.

To the Honorable Board of Town Trustees of the Town of San Buenaventura, Gentlemen:—Your honorable body kindly appointed me town attorney, the duties of which office I have endeavored to fill to the best of my ability, but since my appointment as such attorney, on the 2nd day of November, 1886, I was by the electors of the counties of Kern and Ventura elected a member of the Legislature of this State, and on the 16th day of this month I was appointed by the President, United States District Attorney, and while I am conscientiously opposed to the resigning of any public trust, yet in deference to the interest of the public service I hereby resign the office of town attorney, to take effect immediately.

Very respectfully,
J. M. BROOKS.

San Buenaventura, Dec. 25, 1886.

FOREIGN.

The Big Snow Storm in Germany Thawing.

WHOSE ALLY IS GERMANY.

Lord

EMMA ABBOTT.

Incidents of Her Remarkable Career.

HER SUCCESSES IN ENGLAND.

Her Indomitable Courage—Influential Friends—Praise From Gounod.

BY GRACE GREENWOOD.

The history of the early life of Emma Abbott is marked by a pathetic and somber sort of romance. She was unconsciously and involuntarily an American type of the singing Bohemian—an accidental Ziegler, long driven about by the idle whims of chance and the rude gusts of misfortune like a poor little leaf—a leaf autumn tinted, even in springtime. It is for the elements of heroism and hope in the child's hand-to-hand struggle with grim poverty, ill-luck, ill-conditions and manifold discouragements; that this period of the sweet singer's life is, to me, the most interesting. It is out of such depressing, ungenial and unpoetic conditions that the world's noblest dramatic and lyric geniuses—queens of tragedy and song—have come to their own. Siddons and Rachel, Lind and Nilsson were stars that burned their way to fame through the cold mists of misfortune.

The goldfish, secure in its gilded cage, with all its little wants anticipated, sings passing well for my lord and lady, but out on the thorn-bush the nightingale, which forages for its little food, and knows hunger and cold and storms, sings best for poets and artists—for hearts that love and mourn.

When Emma Abbott was a wee thing, her father, a music teacher of small means, removed to Peoria, Ill., hoping to better his fortunes. It was about this time the child, who knew almost nothing of the world beyond her humble home, and had never been in a theater or concert room, was, while sleeping in her little trundle-bed, visited by a vision of success which has since had a singular confirmation.

VISIONS OF SUCCESS.

She beheld in a vast and brilliant place, with seats rising tier above tier, a grand audience, gaily dressed and smiling, and she saw herself standing before them and singing—singing her little heart out in such a soaring, exultant way, that she seemed lifted off her feet.

Even at that callow age she was an ambitious little songstress, and when she was scarcely more than 8 years old, her father allowed her to assist him in a concert given in the school-house of a country place. The two artists walked nearly ten miles carrying violin and guitar, to acquit themselves of this duty. She was even then received by her audience with smiles of curious interest, and her ambitious efforts rewarded with kindly applause. There was always a certain purity about the childish soprano—a searching, appealing, pathetic quality, which never failed to touch the heart. After this tour she returned home and continued her desultory education in the public school.

During a vacation she once visited a young friend in a neighboring town, where the idea occurred to her to buy a little brain and brave little heart, which could neither rest nor recreate for thinking of the dear ones left behind in the shadow of poverty and ever-impending difficulties—the idea of giving a concert, a grand Abbott concert, all alone by herself, with violin and guitar, was at that time a quaint little creature, small for her age, thin and pale, and dressed always like the child she really was. The description of the toilet she made, when going to this, her first concert, is a touching incident in her career.

A SHABBY TOILET.

Such a toilet! For it meant the shabby calico dress to be taken off, shaken and hung up on a tree; then the child waded into the stream and fastening her little skirts tight about her, bathed face, neck and the aching feet, those faithful little servants from which neither use nor exposure had taken the shapeliness, and bronzed though they were, the straight toes and arched insteps lost none of their beauty. Then she hastily smoothed the loosened locks with a comb and donning her dress, she added a pair of coarse shoes and stockings to her toilet, which poverty had kept her from wearing on the road, and seating herself in a nest of ferns, she sang the piece of molasses-spread bread provider for her supper, and then she began gravely talking to herself, unconsciously humming a soft accompaniment on her guitar.

"I shall be a great artiste, and people when they hear me sing will throw money and flowers at me, like papa says they did Jennie Lind, tum-tum-tum; and I shall earn bags of money and will have carpets on the floor and a piano, and the poor little mother a silk dress, and she shall sit with her hands folded all day long, or crochet tidies like Mrs. Colonel Wheeler, tum-tum-tum; and papa shall wear fine clothes like a prince and have a fiddle like Ole Bull's; and George shall be a great artist and paint big pictures; and I will make every one happy and wear for every day a long black velvet dress with lots of lace on it, and shining buttons, and round my tum-tum-tum-tum; I have only to be good and work hard, and they will call me the 'Queen of Song,' concluded the child with a big thrum on her guitar and an air of satisfied conviction. Then she looked at her sun and saw that, like a big school boy, he was turning red with anger at having to go to bed so early, so jumping up briskly she set out on the same steady little jog trot toward the village.

HER INDOMITABLE COURAGE.

The result of this concert was \$10, which the singer took home to her mother, like the good little girl she was. Then for a season she taught a country school, which she walked eighteen miles through mud and slush to obtain, and then on returning home and finding the family in dire straits, took to the highway again and went singing from town to town. In one place she sung in the church, standing in the pulpit, a little preacher of the Bible, whereon her heart even then had often rested. For the two years succeeding she sung for her bread and that of dear ones depending upon her, for a season or two attached to a troupe of vocalists, mostly singing, *donna assoluta*, but mostly singing and traveling by herself and often suffering from cold and exposure to wild winter storms on the prairies. One terribly severe night, on going to her little concert, she actually froze her feet, but nothing actually hurt her and she heartily and love the winter and heart.

She was often homesick, but that made her all the more anxious to save every penny not necessary for her bare subsistence back to that home that was always in her thoughts. To that humble household in Peoria a little "wandering voice" singing up and down the land, sometimes in heavy sadness, was as the providence of God. Many times poor Emma had failures, utter and disheartening failures, and more than once was obliged to pawn her few trinkets, her concert dress and even her precious guitar—insentient, inanimate companion of her wanderings, which she yet loved and fondled and talked to and lavished tender care upon. One and time, when she had nothing to pledge, she cut off her long, fair hair and sold it for food. Here and there she was helped up by the "Hill Difficulty" and out of the "Slough Despond" by generous strangers—her earnest, frank face always inspiring confidence in some unspoiled nature and her rare sympathetic voice always reaching some good heart.

A SAD JOURNEY.

All alone, Miss Abbott once sung her way to New York to near Parepa. More than once she went hungry and cold, more than once her more than manly courage failed her, for a little while her devoted faith gave way, and lonely and forlorn, she felt like folding her tired hands over her poor "backrupt heart" and sobbing herself into the long sleep. The lowest ebb of fortune and courage found her Toledo, O., in, I think, the winter of 1870. So desperate were her affairs, that for the first time the wild thought of suicide came to tempt her. Looking out upon the great lake, the struggling, never-resting, ever moaning waves seemed to invite her to cease struggling and sighing and to sink to rest and silence in their blue depths.

Just then, in the midst of her perplexities and her profound discouragement, God, that God who watches over the little wild song-bird as well as the sparrow, intervened to rescue and save her—if not by a miracle, by a beautiful inspiration, breathed into the heart of a gifted woman. Clara Louise Kellogg, heard the first glow of her power and fame, heard the poor obscure wanderer sing and decided at once to be her sponsor and benefactress. Miss Abbott went to New York and became the pupil of Ernani.

STANCH FRIENDS.

Then came a piece of deserved good fortune in the position of soprano in Dr. Chapin's church and among the friends of the church was the great-hearted Horace Greeley, whom no bad weather could keep away from religious services, for as he once said to the young singer on a rainy Sunday, "If Dr. Chapin in the pulpit and you in the choir can't make sunshine, who can?" Here she made a fine reputation and many warm friends, among whom were George G. Lake, Mrs. George Hoffman, C. P. Huntington and others, who recognized in the struggles and hardships through which the young girl had passed, in her devotion to truth and honesty, and in her triumph over obstacles by patience and perseverance, the same elements of character which had formed the solid foundation of their own success and calling her "Honest Little Emma," gave the wheel of fortune a brisk turn in her favor. With others of Dr. Chapin's congregation he offered to help her abroad to complete her musical studies.

After a brief tour through France and Switzerland Miss Abbott hastened to Italy and began her studies with great ardor under Maestro San Giovanni. Sleepless nights and overwork, however, began to tell on her health to an alarming extent and one morning she found her superb voice had left her.

MELANCHOLY THOUGHTS.

Days, weeks, months rolled by with out a change. One dreary night, seated at the window of her little room, an indescribable feeling of melancholy overcame the young girl. A year ago that very night she remembered being present at the last birthday celebration of her noble friend Horace Greeley. Emma's thoughts dwelt on the grand old man, who had passed away during her absence; and as she contrasted the brilliant prophecies made for her that night with the bitter present, great tears coursed down her cheeks, and through her hands she prayed with all the fervor of a believing soul that her voice might be given back to her. Rising more calm, she pressed her hand against her throbbing heart, parted her lips for one more effort, and was shaken to the soul when she heard her voice, pure, beautiful and powerful as ever ring out in the notes of "Auld Lang Syne." That night a hopeful and happy girl slept on the shores of the Mediterranean. Without losing any time, and under the advice of Christine Nilsson, Emma at once proceeded to Paris and commenced a vigorous course of study under the renowned Wartel for vocalization, at the same time having six other masters in the study of opera, fencing, drumming, French and Italian, and in acting at the Conservatoire and Opera Comique, where she obtained the unusual advantages which developed her extraordinary dramatic talent. So a year went by, and in all these lessons from expensive masters much money went also, and just as the enthusiastic young student was sadly feeling that art was long and France was fleeting, and that she would be obliged to stop far short of the finishing lessons of her exacting master, she made the acquaintance of a noble and generous woman, the Baroness Salomon de Rothschild.

A GENEROUS WOMAN.

Her introduction to this celebrated lady is worth recording if only to show how Emma Abbott's genuine kindness of heart and simplicity won the great as well as the lowly. She was invited to dinner to meet a party of distinguished Americans. They were dining for a breath from their native land, and she was urged to sing "Home, Sweet Home," which she did with that pathos and feeling that has touched the hearts of thousands of guests who have listened since. Among the guests was an intimate friend of the Baroness, who was so charmed that she hastened to tell her of this wonderfully gifted young girl. The Baroness at once invited Emma to visit her at her princely villa. Being herself a connoisseur in music she asked the young girl to sing, and then, delighted with her efforts and deeply interested in the story of her heroic struggles, entered into an agreement that the little stranger should visit her once a month and sing, for which she would be only too happy to pay her \$1000 francs each time. This magnificent arrangement was continued for eighteen months and until Emma had completed her arduous studies.

WONDERFUL PROGRESS.

Probably no artiste ever lived who worked more unremittingly and conscientiously than Emma Abbott. In the going months of her student life what she accomplished was truly wonderful. With seven teachers busy from early morn until late into the night, it required a constitution little short of iron to endure the tasks she imposed upon herself. No details of her art were so small as to be carelessly put aside. In order to thoroughly prepare herself for military opera she learned to drum, and became a proficient in the "noble art of fencing." Delicate "nuances" of tone and refinements of gesture, to which most artists negatively refused to devote weeks at a time. Her voice, though clear, and even powerful, was in the beginning as unbending as her own iron will, but by the force of persistent and careful study became so flexible and brilliant that the most difficult fioriture scales and roulades became mere child's

play to the little nightingale, while her skill in crescendo and diminuendo, and her exquisite trills and staccato on the highest notes were absolutely phenomenal.

The Baroness Rothschild certainly had the support of many of the best critics and greatest artists of Europe in her belief in the rare gifts of her little American protégée. Mme. La Grange, after once hearing her, said warmly: "My child, you will be another Jenny Lind. Your voice is like hers—very pure, of great volume, perfect intonation, limpid, powerful, sweet, *charmant, et charmante*. The throat and heart, successively, she continued, impressively, "You have the three great things—the mind; the voice and the warm heart."

APPRECIATION.

Gounod, after hearing her sing the last act in Faust, wrote in her "core: "Voix juste, claire, égale, lumineuse, bien timbrée—criticism succulent, yet most generous. Patti alone on that stage sing, predicted for her the most brilliant future and offered to take the untiring cantatrice to St. Petersburg to sing with her. This offer Miss Abbott declined and continued to study for some time longer. The generous Patti, however, insisted on giving the letters to London managers and a superb set of antique jewelry, with the request that she should wear them at her debut, and as she bade her farewell, Patti said: "Courage ma chère amie, your mezza voce and sustenuto are simply perfect. You will succeed."

Before singing in England Miss Abbott visited Italy and at Florence, according to Il Corriere Italiano, created a veritable furor, being recalled thirteen times by the enthusiastic multitude. On her arrival in London she made her debut at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden. Her emotions on that memorable night it would be difficult to describe. As the curtain drew up she saw before her a multitude of people—the wealth and nobility of England—glittering with diamonds and decorations, waiting to hear her sing. There was something paralyzing in the sight, and the girl who had not shrunk from the hardships and cruelties of life turned cold and trembled. But when she stepped forward upon the stage the sudden resolve came to her to sing to the hearts as well as to the ears of these people, and out of the fulness of her soul she appealed to their sympathy with a tenacity of feeling that only one who had sorrowed and loved, suffered and struggled, could, she depicted the emotions and fate of the beautiful heroine. The enthusiasm she aroused in their breasts that night settled her fate and sealed her success.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Shortly after this Emma Abbott appeared at the Crystal Palace where she sang with magnificent effect, carrying off the honors from all competitors.

Mr. Mapleson of her Majesty's Opera, Drury Lane, London, who had watched with great interest the career of the young prima donna, then engaged her for a term of three years.

Through England and Ireland she sang herself into the love of the people. Their ears were won by her brilliant fioriture, sparkling chromatic runs, birdlike trills, and extraordinary smorzando on the highest notes. Their hearts were conquered by the tender underlying pathos, the touch of soul and the "tears in the voice," which, as in her childhood, won the sympathies of all who heard her. Dublin, as Sir Robert Stewart, the great musical authority, wrote, was "taken by storm," and among other marks of appreciation bestowed on her was a chaotic and beautifully worked silver coronet and earrings formed of Irish harps.

On arriving in her native country the brave little woman, who had achieved such triumph abroad, made her first appearance in New York, the proceeds of which she gave to the poor of the church whose beneficiary she had been.

Five brilliant seasons in English opera have since brought Emma Abbott into intimate relations with the music-loving public and she has become the recognized American prima donna, the Queen of English opera.

VARIOUS ROLES.

During this time she has appeared before crowded and enthusiastic audiences in the roles of "Mignon," "Lucia," "Linda," "Amina," "Gilda," "Martha," "Zerlina," "Leonora," "Juliet," "Virginia," and in a varied repertory of standard English operas. She has also introduced into this country the beautiful operas of "Paul and Virginia," "Roméo and Juliet," and "The Girl for a Day," creating the roles of "Virginia," "Juliet" and "Nemora." Like Parepa, Kellogg, Booth, Anderson, and in fact all the celebrities who have made their greatest reputations in America, Emma Abbott has found many detractors; but she, through her strongly individualized character and enthusiastic nature, like them, sets at defiance many of the moldy traditions and stereotyped forms of the lyric stage. But the thousands of music lovers who have listened to her voice find delight in its beautiful and charming melody, and in its simplicity and naturalness of her manner. Their hearts are moved in sympathy with the characters she portrays; her success is their success.

THE VISION VERIFIED.

The dreams of her childhood have come to pass. Her wishes for those dear to her have been realized; many velvet dresses and "shining stones" have been added to her wardrobe, and the kind strangers who cast their bread upon the waters have had it returned to them again; sore souls and weary hearts have been made happy by her thought. In the very springtime of her youth, in all its freshness and strength, she has become the representative singer of her country, the shining illustration of what can be done by hard work and honesty in the face of poverty, loneliness and misfortune.

When we see the slight yet rounded form, the earnest eyes and fair hair of the prima donna, we are reminded of the pure childlike character of "Virginia," the wealth of "Juliet's" passionate love, or the sorrows of "Mignon," we cannot wonder that we weep and thrill, because we feel the soul of "one who lived" plead through the voice and mien of the singer; the magnetism of the woman and the gifts of the artiste become inseparable, we know only that we listen to Emma Abbott.

The S. B. & L. A. RY.

The line of the new railway from San Bernardino to Los Angeles is being deflected south to a very considerable degree. The preliminary line crossed Euclid avenue in Ontario at Tenth street, but the road as located crosses at Eighth street. At Pomona the line is not yet located, but the supposition is that it will probably make a corner to the old stage line than the preliminary line was.

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The Botanical Garden.
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Funeral of a Railroad.
Timothy Farrell, an ex-conductor of the S. P. Co., who was killed at Sanderson, where he was yardmaster, on the 21st instant, by being caught between the bumpers of two cars which he was coupling, will be buried this afternoon at 2:30 from Garrett & Neitzke, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Conductors and of Frank Bartlett Post No. 6, of which he was a charter member.

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SERVICES AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Fort and Sixth streets, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching in the morning by the pastor. In the evening Rev. J. N. Hobart, D. D. of Chicago, will preach. Seats free to all.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH, South—Fort street between Fifth and Sixth, Los Angeles, Cal. Seats free, and the poor and strangers cordially invited. Rev. W. B. Straley, pastor. Residence, 1245 South Main street. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.; preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. class meeting at 12:30 P. M.; young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Tuesday—Ladies Society at 2 P. M. Thursday—Prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M. Friday—Teachers' meeting at 7:30 P. M.

STRASBURG—Fort street. Preaching every Friday evening at 7:45 P. M. and Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock on Sunday. Pastor, Rev. Dr. Schreiber. All welcome.

BETHLEHEM M. E. CHURCH—Jno A. Washburn, pastor. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

First Los Angeles Baptist Church.—Services held in Campbell's Hall. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Seats free and cordial invitation to all. Rev. C. W. Gregory, the new pastor, will preach.

THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH—W. H. Pondellton, D. D., pastor. will hold services at Good Temple Hall every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. All are cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church.—Corner of Second and Fort streets. Rev. W. J. Chichester, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

Dr. PAUL'S CHURCH—Olive street between Fifth and Sixth streets. Sabbath School at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Mr. Birdall has changed his residence from 1111 Olive street to the new parsonage, 933 Hill street.

CHURCH OF ST. YVES—Main street, below First. Very Rev. J. Adam, V. R. Pastor. First mass at 6:30 A. M.; second mass at 8 A. M.; third mass at 10 A. M. Sunday School in English and Spanish at 7:30 P. M.; vespers at 7:30 P. M.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF ASHLEY—Opposite the Plaza. Masses at 8 A. M. and 10 A. M. Last mass with sermon in English at 10 A. M.; last mass with sermon in Spanish at 10 A. M.; last mass with sermon in Spanish at 10 A. M.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Mr. Cantin D. D., pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

First United Presbyterian Church.—Corner Hill and Eighth streets. Sabbath services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meetings Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. and Friday 2 P. M. Rev. J. M. Harvey, pastor.

German Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. W. Schmidt will hold services at the church on Fourth street, between Fort and Hill, every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. each Sunday. Sunday evening services at 7:30 P. M. Pastor, Rev. W. Schmidt, 846 Hill street.

German Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Fort street, near Seventh. Services every Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. O. Nevin, missionary in charge. Residence, 130 Hill street, between 4th and 5th.

Los Angeles Produce Market.

The following is the official record of the Los Angeles Produce Exchange, correct to date. In the quotations, unless otherwise stated, it is to be understood that the first figure is the highest price bid and the last the lowest price asked. These quotations are for round lots from first hands; for small lots out of store higher prices are asked.

WHEAT.—Australian No. 1, white, \$1.25; No. 2, white, \$1.20; No. 3, white, \$1.15; No. 4, white, \$1.10; No. 5, white, \$1.05; No. 6, white, \$1.00; No. 7, white, \$0.95; No. 8, white, \$0.90; No. 9, white, \$0.85; No. 10, white, \$0.80; No. 11, white, \$0.75; No. 12, white, \$0.70; No. 13, white, \$0.65; No. 14, white, \$0.60; No. 15, white, \$0.55; No. 16, white, \$0.50; No. 17, white, \$0.45; No. 18, white, \$0.40; No. 19, white, \$0.35; No. 20, white, \$0.30; No. 21, white, \$0.25; No. 22, white, \$0.20; No. 23, white, \$0.15; No. 24, white, \$0.10; No. 25, white, \$0.05; No. 26, white, \$0.00; No. 27, white, \$0.00; No. 28, white, \$0.00; No. 29, white, \$0.00; No. 30, white, \$0.00; No. 31, white, \$0.00; No. 32, white, \$0.00; No. 33, white, \$0.00; No. 34, white, \$0.00; No. 35, white, \$0.00; No. 36, white, \$0.00; No. 37, white, \$0.00; No. 38, white, \$0.00; No. 39, white, \$0.00; No. 40, white, \$0.00; No. 41, white, \$0.00; No. 42, white, \$0.00; No. 43, white, \$0.00; No. 44, white, \$0.00; 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NEWS NOTES.

State and County taxes become delinquent to-morrow.

The Board of Supervisors meet to-morrow at 10 a. m.

An excursion is now being formed at Carthage, Missouri, to come to Los Angeles early in January in Pullman cars.

The marriage license of W. Marchant and Hattie Perkins has been cancelled and the wedding ceremony will not take place.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—preaching on Sunday, Dec. 26th, at 11 a. m., in K. of P. Hall, 24 South Spring street. Subject—"The Gospel of the Kingdom." All are invited to attend.

St. Paul's Church, Olive street, Elias Birdsall, Rector; 955 West Seventh street. Service Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject, Sunday morning, Dec. 27th, by request, "The Duration of Future Punishment." Evening—"The Prayer Book."

Personal Mention.

P. C. Baker, of Pasadena, is at the Nadeau.

J. H. Collins, of Barstow, is at the St. Elmo.

D. J. Powell, National City, is at the St. Elmo.

J. R. Summons, of Newhall, is at the Grand Central.

J. A. Miller, of Riverside, is at the Nadeau House.

R. Ulrich, of the Hotel Del Monte, is at the Nadeau.

W. H. Conway, of Pasadena, is at the St. Elmo Hotel.

Captain C. H. Savage, of San Diego, is at the St. Elmo.

F. S. Park, of the A. & P. R. R., is at the Grand Central.

R. Normand and wife, of New York, are at the Nadeau.

H. T. Stevens, of San Francisco, is at the St. Elmo Hotel.

Rev. C. F. Loop, of Pomona was in the city yesterday.

Messrs. L. and O. Polaski went to San Francisco yesterday.

F. G. Schumacher went up to San Francisco yesterday.

T. O'Leary, Virginia City, is stopping at the Grand Central.

D. W. Rowland, the great strawberry farmer, is in the city.

F. N. Emory, of Santa Barbara, is registered at the Nadeau.

F. W. Smith, the obliging ticket agent of the S. P. Co., spent Christmas day at San Diego on a visit to friends.

R. E. Holdridge and P. E. Smith, of Compton, were in the city yesterday and made a Christmas greeting at the Herald office.

E. E. Adams has accepted the position as bookkeeper and cashier of the Nadeau Hotel. Mr. Adams occupied the same position in the Pico House years ago.

Mr. M. M. Glenn, formerly of Los Angeles, has transferred his pencil from the San Bernardino Daily Index to the Colton Evening Semi-Tropic. He will make Colton lively.

Burglars Abroad.

It seems that Los Angeles is not the only victim of the gang of burglars that is now prowling around in Southern California. San Bernardino and Downey City have had a visit from these villains and now Colton has been paid a visit by these midnight robbers, as appears by the Semi-Tropic of Friday: "Burgess & Gilbert's hardware store was broken into last night and between \$100 and \$150 worth of goods taken out. The burglars entered by the back window, and must have been well posted on the fastenings or they never could have broken in. A wooden wedge between the frame and casing fastened the window. It must have taken time and patience to get it out by a continuous upward and downward agitation of the frame. After the thieves got in, it seems they made a bee-line for the show-case, taking therefrom three Smith and Wesson revolvers, a large lot of pocket-knives, razors and pen-knives, in all amounting to from \$100 to \$150. Other articles were doubtless stolen, but until an account of stock is taken, will not be missed. No arrests have yet been made. The loss falls heavily on Messrs. Burgess & Gilbert, as they have but recently purchased the store and stock and were doing a close business."

San Diego Cotton.

The Union says: "W. W. Stewart & Co. received at their warehouse yesterday the first wagon load of cotton ever grown in Southern California. There were thirty-nine sacks in the lot, in all 2570 pounds. This cotton was grown by John W. Moore, of Bear valley, on the farm of S. G. Antes. Mr. Moore, who has had experience as a cotton planter in Texas, planted a few acres as an experiment, with the result stated. He is convinced that it will prove a paying crop, and says there is no doubt at all of success with it here. He is so well satisfied of this that he intends to put in 160 acres the coming season, and says it will pay better than the same acreage of grain. Messrs. Stewart & Co. will ship this cotton to the Oakland mills by the next steamer, as the pioneer cotton shipment of Southern California."

The Union may not be aware that cotton was grown by Don Jose Rubio in Los Angeles twenty years ago, but labor was dear and there were no cotton factories within 15,000 miles by regular transportation lines, and the enterprise failed to pay expenses, and was in consequence brought to a short stop. Other crops pay better than cotton, which is no longer king.

Christmas Lawbreakers.

The police were kept very busy yesterday looking after people whose merriment was unbecomingly loud. There were several beggars on the street who not only wanted alms but peremptorily insisted that they should get them, because it was Christmas. Two of these were gathered in. There were also placed in durance vile thirteen drunk and disorderly and fighters; two were locked up for fast driving; one for using vulgar language; two to sober up and one for assault to murder. This was between midnight yesterday and 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Banks Closing.

Captain John Mott, an old resident of Los Angeles was buried yesterday afternoon in Evergreen Cemetery, under the auspices of Frank Bartlett Post No. 6, of which he was a charter member. The deceased was 64 years of age. He enlisted on the 16th of April, 1861, as first lieutenant in Co. K, 4th N. Y. Infantry, from which he was discharged on the 28th of July, 1862, for physical disabilities.

BASEBALL.

The Home Team Defeated in an Interesting Game.

The game yesterday at the Ball Park was a good exhibition of ball playing on the part of the visitors, who won by a score of 8 to 1. Our boys had an off day and each player, with one or two exceptions, made one or more damaging errors. The California's played a faultless fielding game and batted well. Conley, their pitcher, is as yet a complete mystery to the home club.

The game yesterday afternoon was preceded by a street parade, in which the two nines appeared to advantage in tasty uniform. The procession had the effect of attracting a very large crowd of baseball admirers, who next to eating a Christmas dinner, love to witness the game for the Los Angeles boys. By the many northern tourists baseball on Christmas was a strange novelty and doubly interesting.

The playing was a fair exhibition but brilliant plays were lacking. Reader, of the California's, knocked the leather over the California's fence, by Deascomb, of the Los Angeles nine, was there on duty and by most lightning climbing returned the ball to the diamond, cutting Reader's prospective home run down to a three bagger.

Swan and Turner distinguished themselves as the home team by a double play. Swan captured a fly in good style in left field, and by sending it swift to Turner at second, put out the base-runner. It was the only double play of the game and was loudly applauded. The fielding of the California's, with Conley's mysterious curves was what lost the game for the Los Angeles boys.

The home battery was composed of Walbridge as pitcher and Monroe as catcher. They acquitted themselves reasonably well, although Walbridge was pretty freely pounded by the visitors. Monroe catches well. Conley pitched about as ably as Dan Noonan, the pitcher of the San Francisco team. The latter was a strong battery. Their work during the afternoon sustained the reputation they have acquired in their coast games. The California's are the best baseball players that have visited the city. Another game will be played this afternoon, the grounds being at about six and a half miles from the city. The game will be played at the home team will do much better than yesterday.

The Los Angeles Club will make the following change in their team and batting order for to-day's game: Raymond at third. They will also place Lohman, one of the new players on first. The batting order is as follows: Turner, 2; Noonan, 3; b; Monroe, c; Swan, 1; Deascomb, rf; Lohman, 1 b; Raymond, p; Goldstein, cf; Salano, s. The boys are determined to win to-day's game, and think they can do so with Raymond in the box.

SAVED BY CHANCE.

English Efforts to Secure California.

Ever since the government of the United States inaugurated its policy of securing California, in 1846, much uncertainty has existed as to how active were the efforts of England to secure this territory at that time. The popular impression is strong that California was saved to the American government only by the merest chance, and whether this is true or not will probably never be known till the English government gives its archives to the public. But with the Americans in California at that time, little doubt was felt on the subject; the English men-of-war were hovering on the coast ready, it was believed, to seize the country at the first opportunity. A number of American men-of-war were here also, under the command of Commodore Sloat. The American vessels had instructions from Washington to seize California as soon as war broke out with Mexico, but until notified for vigorous action, Sloat was naturally indecisive, if not positively timid. Evidently fearing that the Washington authorities might not sustain his action, he changed his mind several times, while delaying in the Mexican ports, and he even remained in Mazatlan after the positive news reached him of the blockading of the ports on the Gulf of Mexico by the American squadron. Finally mustering courage enough he sailed for Monterey, and raised the flag of the United States there before any English vessel appeared. Shortly after Monterey passed into the power of the Americans, Admiral Seymour, of the British navy, entered the harbor, but he made no attempt to interfere, and soon after sailed away. In reviewing the history of those times, in his fifth volume of California, Mr. H. H. Bancroft finds little evidence to support the idea that England was disposed to take active measures to secure this territory. If such an attempt were made, the British government knew that it would have to face the active hostility of the United States, and this only real danger was not met.

A DANGEROUS INDIAN.

Cutting a Man's Arm Nearly off in a Fit of Rage.

There was a cutting affray between two men on Los Angeles street last night at 9 o'clock, in which one of them received a deep cut on the right shoulder, three to four inches long and about two inches deep. It appears that Salvador Evans was sitting in his parents' saloon, No. 39, Los Angeles street, when an Indian named Juan Andres Meas walked in and began to quarrel. He had a row with some one in the street, and being drunk, was very ugly. Seeing Evans sitting down, he made for him, and pulling out a razor slashed him in the arm near the shoulder, cutting through his shirt and undershirt, and making the wound described above. Evans then knocked down Meas, who was secured and handed to the police. In the jail the Indian, who was still very mad, told a Herald reporter he was annoyed because Evans called him names and laughed at him, and he added, in a very ferocious manner, that if he had had a knife big enough he would have cut the man's head off. A charge of assault to murder was booked against Meas.

Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association will have special Christmas Song Service in First Congregational Church, corner of Third and Hill streets, at 4 p. m.; orchestra and male chorus. An after-meeting for young men only, led by Mr. C. S. Mason, Acting State Secretary.

Tried to Butt the Fence.

Elias Levy, son of S. Levy, 18 years of age, residing at 33 1/2 S. Spring street, yesterday, in running through a fence in the back of the yard, was caught on the head by a crossbar, cutting a big scalp wound in his head. He won't die of it, but he will not run through fences again in a hurry.

DESERVED PUNISHMENT.

A Would-be Masher and Insultor of Ladies Castigated.

Nathan Cohen is employed in one of the principal dry good stores on Spring street. He has been employed in the capacity of clerk in a number of stores of this city during several years, and in that time earned the vile reputation of an insultor of ladies and a so-called masher. His insults to ladies are reported as innumerable and he has several times been chastised by irate relatives for his insolence and presumption. About a year ago Cohen received a con- dition punishment for an outrage of a nature akin to the one for which he nearly lost his life yesterday, which was at the time conveniently ascribed by him to the act of a robber, though the facts were known well enough among his associates.

The number of times that he has been allowed to escape scot-free for gratuitous insults to ladies largely exceeds, however, the occasions on which he has been beaten. Yesterday, whilst slightly intoxicated, he once more made some of his characteristic offensive remarks to a respectable young lady employed in the same store as himself, and it is understood that it was not for the first time. She was very much offended and distressed and requested a female friend or relative who also works in the store to find her brother in order to obtain protection. As the latter young lady was going out she met the brother of the offended lady passing on the sidewalk, and called him to her. She then explained what had passed and the indignant brother sent in a message to Cohen to come out for a few minutes. When the fresh young man came out on the sidewalk he was upbraided in short order by the irate brother who concluded his remarks with a square blow in Cohen's face, which knocked him prone. In falling his head struck the curb so violently that he regained consciousness. The blood spouted with force from a gash above his temple and it was believed that he was dead. The assailant meantime walked away unrestrained by the bystanders in the direction of the Nadeau. When Cohen was picked up his head fell to one side and it was believed that his neck was broken. He was promptly removed to his room in the Wilcox Block and Dr. J. S. Owens called in, who examined and bandaged the wound. The medical man expressed the opinion that if the temple of Cohen had struck the pavement half an inch higher he would have been killed. The masher will be disgraced for a few days, but with all the adverse experiences he has had heretofore, it is hardly to be hoped that this will serve him as a decisive lesson.

A Multitude of Parties in Germany.

The new Reichstag, which is the popular branch of the German Imperial Legislature, has now been fully chosen, and the result, except in three districts is reported. It is a mixed body of delegates composed as follows:

Conservatives..... 72
Free Conservatives..... 29
Nationalists..... 33
Ultranationalists..... 10
German Liberals..... 68
Socialists..... 24
Liberal..... 16
Poles..... 1
Danes..... 1
Particularists..... 1
People's party..... 7
Alsace-Lorraine..... 15
Not reported..... 5

Total..... 397
This constitutes the full membership of the Reichstag. There are twelve recognized political divisions, although the separating line between some of the factions is not so distinct but that they usually vote together. The Conservatives, with their allies, the Free Conservatives, numbering together 101, are open and recognized supporters of Bismarck's policies, and they will be re-enforced by the fifty-three votes of the Nationalists on nearly all questions. This will give him a total reliable vote of 154 members, lacking 44 of a majority. The German Liberals in the last Reichstag, are his uncompromising opponents; but they then had 100 votes, and were far more formidable than they will now be able to appear.

It is not unlikely that from the other odds and ends of parties the great Chancellor will be able to secure enough adherents to give him a comfortable working majority whenever he has occasion to use it in the passage of important measures.

City Improvements.

Stone sidewalks are laid already on Washington street and Loveland avenue, and are being laid on all the streets in Park Villa tract. Water is being piped to the lots. Large lots for sale in Park Villa tract. Wiesendanger and Bonsall, 33 N. Spring street.

Still They Go.

Call at 108 West First street, Nadeau Block, and examine the books of the Victor Heights Company. There you can see how rapidly these lots are selling. Not a bad lot in the tract.

Spring Water.

Every lot in the Victor Heights tract has spring water piped to it. Pure water and pure air is what you get with every lot you buy. Terms easy.

Save Expense.

By buying lots in Victor Heights for the streets are being graded at the expense of the company. No extra expense to the purchaser for carting or for having water piped to their lots.

Call to-day on Blackman & Italy, room 15 Downey block, and buy a few choice Army tracts on Pico street. Lots or the line of cars; 6 houses, \$800 each, with 46 lots.

Chase Organ.

It is the nearest approach to the tone of a pipe organ that has ever been made. Manufacturing has yet attained. See our holiday stock. FOWELL, HASKELL & CO., No. 11 N. Spring st.

Grading of Stephenson Avenue.

The attention of contractors is directed to the advertisement in another column calling for bids for the grading of Stephenson avenue.

Duc de Montebello Champagne.

In every first-class house. Imported brands.

Cigars, Cigars.

Buy your cigars from Barnett & Co., the only exclusive wholesale cigar and tobacco house in Southern California. Corner of Los Angeles and Commercial streets.

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J. W. Davis, Prescription Druggist.

Tanall's Pink Claret at P. O. Claret Store. Duc de Montebello champagne at Weyce Bros.

Horse blankets and buggy robes at Foy's harness shop at Powell, Haskell & Co.

Decker Bros. matchless pianos, all styles, at Powell, Haskell & Co's.

Go to the Pony Stable, 14 N. Main street, for a stylish turnout cheap.

Plush parlor suits, easy chairs. New furniture just arrived at Allen's.

Carpets—fall patterns—now arriving. Prices lower than ever, at Allen's.

"Sierra Madre," best five cent cigar, for sale only at corner First and Main.

The latest stock of pianos to select from in the city at Powell, Haskell & Co's.

Burke & Johnson's Dublin Stout for sale by H. J. Woolacott, 26 & 28 N. Spring st.

If you want to furnish your house with little money, call at Allen's, 92 S. Spring St. Ash, cherry and walnut bedroom sets. Extra inducements offered this week at Allen's.

Raphael & Schlesinger, 15 North Main street, take the lead in wall papers and decorations.

See the celebrated Decker Bros. baby grand piano at Powell, Haskell & Co., No. 11 North Spring street.

H. J. Woolacott, 26 & 28 N. Spring street, has a specialty of fine Kentucky whiskies for family and medicinal use.

See the new style cabinet grand Fischer piano before buying, at Powell, Haskell & Co., No. 11 North Spring street.

Decker Bros. 26 & 28 N. Spring street, first time, sherry and cider for cooking and medicinal purposes.

O. L. Sisand, prince of tonsorial artists, 267 S. Main street. Greatest convenience and elegance; courteous treatment.

Genoveva, Rakoczy, Hunyadi Janos, Apollinaris, Bethesda and Vichy mineral waters for sale by H. J. Woolacott, 26 & 28 N. Spring street.

Gold Luck See, the finest imported champagne in the market, at H. J. Woolacott, 26 & 28 N. Spring street, sole agent.

This wine can also be obtained from Jerry Illieh. Persons desiring pure California wines to send to their friends in the East will find it to their advantage by calling on H. J. Woolacott, 26 & 28 N. Spring street, and inspecting the stock.

Look! Look! \$1000 worth of second-hand clothes wanted at J. Allipaz, No. 115 Commercial street, Los Angeles city. Bought and sold. Parties not wishing to call in person can inform me by mail through the Postoffice and I will send an agent.

For Holiday Presents Both for Your Friends at Home and Abroad

Go to the store of the Barnard & Neander Fruit Crystallizing Company. We have the finest fruit in small boxes for sending by mail or express to eastern friends and for those at home. We have a splendid assortment of fancy Christmas baskets and boxes and a fine assortment of confectionery with which to fill them. Call and see us at 46 South Spring street, near Second.

Ship W. A. Campbell.

Now discharging twenty-five hundred tons of Wellington coal at San Pedro. For sale in quantities to suit, delivered to all points.

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